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SUBJECT: MILAN PSI ELECTS NEW PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

1. GIUSEPPE (NUCCIO) ABBONDANZA, ASSOCIATED WITH GROUP OF DEPUTY AND FORMER MILAN MAYOR ALDO ANIASI, WAS ELECTED MILAN PSI PROVINCIAL SECRETARY NOVEMBER 27. ABBONDANZA ONLY NARROWLY DEFEATED (35-31) SOLE RIVATEMAURISIO RICOTTI (DEMARTINO FACTION), WHO WAS INSTEAD ELECTED PSI PROVINCIAL FEDERATIONS ONLY VICE-SECRETARY. ABBONDANZA NOW HAS POSITION FORMERLY HELD BY LUIGI VERTAMATI, WHO LEFT IT TO JOIN LOMBARDY REGIONAL EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA).

2. ABBONDANZA IS FORMER COMMUNIST WHO IS PRESENTLY MILAN PROVINCIAL ALDERMAN FOR ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE. ALTHOUGH NOT MEMBER OF AUTONIMIST FACTION WHOSE LAEDING MILN MEMBERS ARE MILAN MAYOR ALDO TOGNOLI AND LOMBRDY REGIONAL GIUNTA VICE-PRESIDENT GIORGIO GANZI, ABBONDANZA IS CLOSE TO BOTH OF THEM PERSONALLY AS WELL AS POLITICALLY. HE AND MAYOR ARE CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEDNS. AND GAGI, ACCORDING TO GOOD SOURCE HERE, WAS INSTRUMENTAL ON PARTY SECRETARY CRAXI'S BEHALF IN HELPING ASSURE ABBONDANZA'S ELECTION. ABBONDANZA LIKE AUTONOMISTS, SEES PCI AS MORTAL THREAT TO ITALIAN SOCIALISTA. AT SAME TIME, HE HAS HOLD US THAT THE TRIES PERSONALLY WIBIN PROVINCINAIL CUNCIL TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH DC

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3. ABBONDANZA VISITED UNITED STATES THIS PAST SEPTEMBER AS PART OF LA SCALA DELEGATION HEADED BY MAYOR TOGNOLI. BIO SKETCH PREPARED ON HIM AT THAT TIME CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

4. ACCESSION OF ABBONDANZA TO PROVINCIAL SECRETARYSHIP SOLIDIFIES HOLD ON TOP POSITION OF AUTONOMISTS AND THEIR ALLIES WITHIN PARTY. BOTH MILAN MAYOR (TOGNOLI) AND LOMBARDY REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT KGANZIL ARE AUTONOMISTS. WITHIN PARTY STRUCTURE, MILAN CITY SECRETARY (GIANSTEFANO MILANI) IS CLOSE TO ANIASI, AS IS NEW MILAN PROVINCIAL SECRETARY ABBONDANZA. LOVE TOP-LEVEL DEMARTINIANO IS LOMBARDY REGIONAL SECRETARY GABRIELE BACCAHINI.FINA

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